

### St. Lucie County International Airport (FPR)

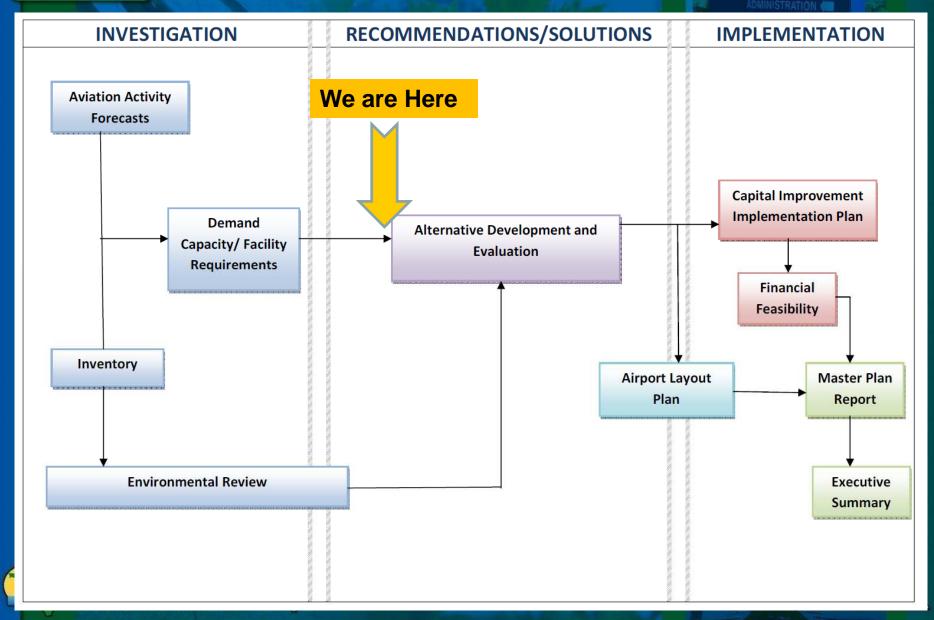
Master Plan Update
Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
Workshop/Meeting #3
June 30, 2009







### Master Plan Progress





### Purpose of Workshop

- What is the purpose of this workshop?
- What issues need to be resolved?
  - Community's Perceptions of Airport
  - Community's short and long-term vision
  - Target Industry development
  - Land Use (On and Off Airport)
  - Long-Term Development
- ► How will public participate?







### Public Participation



#### Comment/Speaker Card St. Lucie County International Airport Master Plan Workshop June 30, 2009

Name:
Telephone #:
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Do you wish to speak (if time allows): Yes No
Topic (Please Print):

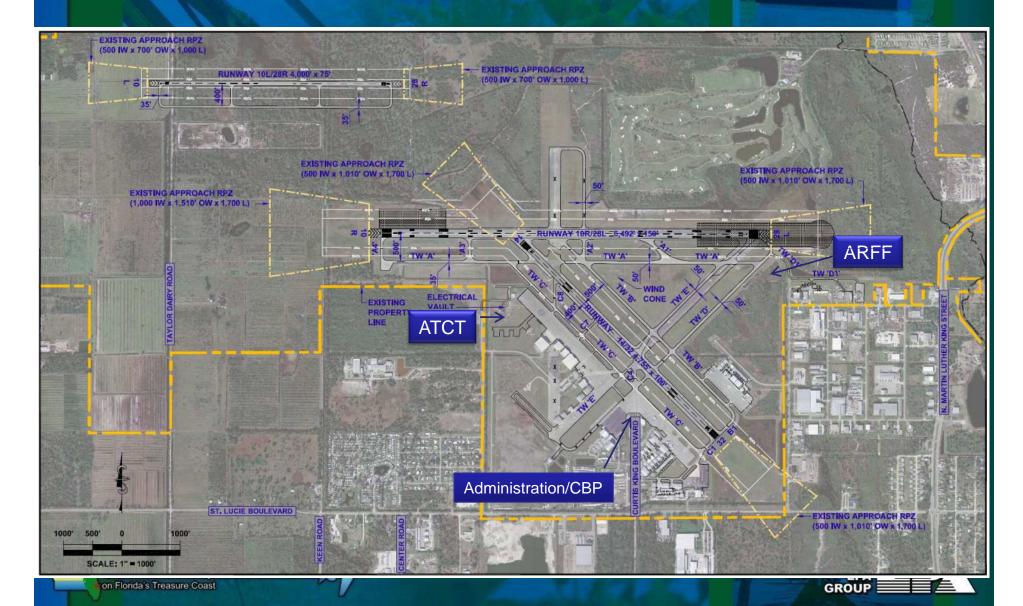
Note: If speaking, please limit comments to 3-minutes. All information obtained will be incorporated in the master plan. Comments may also be provided via Master Plan Website at http://www.stlucieco.gov/airportmasterplanfeedback.asp

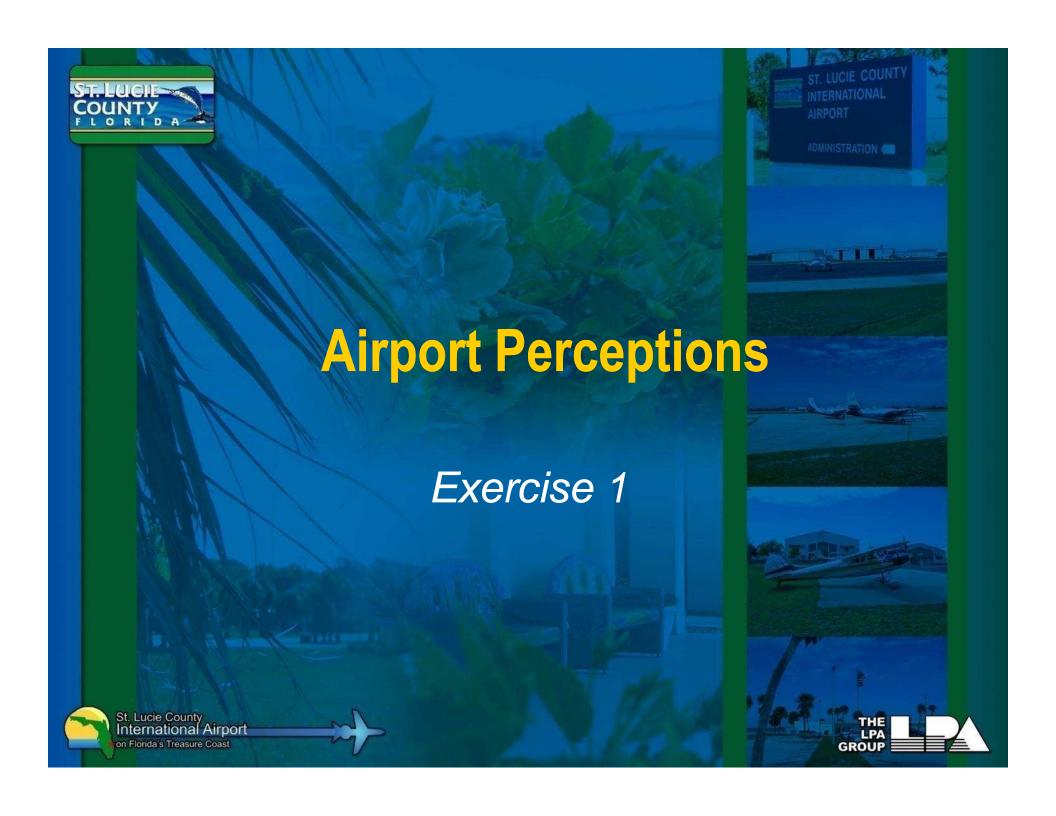






## Airfield Facilities Familiarization







### **Community Perceptions**

### Airport Advantages (Assets)

- i.e. Location to Port
- ► Infrastructure Highway/Rail
- Acreage
- Underutilized
- Access to Bahamas
- Draws Industry
- Onsite Customs
- International Airport
  - Foreign Trade Zone
  - Commercial/Volume
- Proximity to Tourist Destinations

### Airport Disadvantages (Liabilities)

- ▶ i.e. Distance from Residents
- Pavement Strength
- Surface Access and Signage
- Lack of Industry in Area
- Lacks Part 139 (Commercial Service) Certification
- Limited Commitments
- Environmental Issues
- Lack of Utilities







### **Community Perceptions**

- Air Traffic Control Tower (ATC)
  - Corporate/Commercial Pilots Perceive ATC as Advantage
  - Leisure GA Pilots (including gliders) Perceive ATC as Disadvantage
- Overall Public Perceptions
  - ► General Public assumes that Airport requires large amounts of public funding to operate Perceived Disadvantage.
  - The Airport is self-sufficient, and is using Golf Course rent to pay back previous General Fund contributions – Advantage
- Four Airports within 90 minute drive
  - Competition Disadvantage
  - Commercial Service and Expanded Destinations Advantage







### Prioritize ST. LUCIE COUNTY NATIONAL ST. LUC

- Operational
  - Runway Length and Strength
  - Surface Access
  - Utilities
  - Permitting
- Planning
  - Multi-Modal Plan
  - Facilities (Airside and Landside)
  - Runway Length and Strength Requirements
  - Energy
  - Non-Aviation
  - Permitting

- Economic
  - Business Development (Market Study)
    - Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Research
    - Mann Research Center, LLC.
    - Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute
  - Homeland Security
  - Tri-County Effort
  - Energy
  - Aviation/ Non-Aviation
     Development needed to fund local share of planned airport development









### Strategic Visioning Exercise

- ► General Aviation or Commercial Service?
- On-airport land use (Uses and Opportunities)
- Existing Airport Strengths and Weaknesses
- ► Engine for Economic Development?
- ► Future Land Use On and Off Airport







# TAC Airport Vision Future Newspaper Headlines

- ▶ 15-20 Years: "Medium Density Commercial Airport including international cargo port with the Bahamas/Caribbean A Leader in Visionary Development"
- "The St. Lucie County International Airport will have I-95 Access as a result of a land swap with the Cloud Grove Tract. Negotiations are underway to develop the Airport similar to the Orlando Sanford Airport Facility with the ultimate goal of offering international flights to our Area"
- "United Airlines to start Next Generation, Non-Stop service to Chicago"
- "Regional Hub for the Treasure Coast offering Airport Trade Free Zone and Jumpoff Location for Caribbean Tourism"
- ▶ "St. Lucie County International Airport leads four county region in Corporate Traffic"
- "Airport Expansion needed for Future Community Development"
- "St. Lucie becomes Home for New Efficient Aircraft Engine Firm"
- "New St. Lucie International Gateway Terminal Opens...One more Step in Supporting Local Tourism"
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- 20Year Vision: "The People's Gateway to St. Lucie County"
- ▶ 90 Year Vision: "Land Here in the Southern Most Floridian Airport"
- "New Regional Airport to Break Ground: The Treasure Coast, All Four County Governments Working Together to Build a Regional Commercial Airport and Rail System to Serve the Treasure Coast"







## Committee's Long Term Vision Future Commercial Service

#### **Existing Airport**

- Justification, BCA and Environmental Studies
- Land Available
- Reuse of existing facilities
- Additional infrastructure and access
- Existing revenue stream

#### New Site

- Site Selection, Feasibility and Environmental Studies (~10 years)
- Land Acquisition
- Zoning and land use protection
- Access and Infrastructure
- Green Site development
- Grant Assurances and Funding







### **Special Uses and Opportunities**

- Target Industries
  - Aviation
  - Corporate training and shared services
  - ► Biomedical and Technology
  - Institutional Aviation
  - Security and National Defense
  - Regional Distribution
    - ► Inland Port FDOT Report
    - ▶ 2-3 Selection Sites (Ocean Shipping and Aviation)
  - Bonded Warehouse, etc.







#### **Special Uses and Opportunities**

- NextGen Technology (Dr. Dave Byers)
  - Improves Safety using GPS Technology
  - Use of Local Area Augmentation (LAAS) and Wide Area Augmentation Systems (WAAS)
  - South Florida Service Area Established
    - Runway 32 RNAV Approach Sept 2009
    - Established Air Traffic Control Coverage (Miami ARTCC)
  - More Controller Flexibility
  - More Efficient Use of Airspace
    - Saves Fuel
    - Improves Air Quality
    - Reduces Noise
    - Reduces Aircraft Separation, etc.
- Sustainable Development (Green)...







#### St. Lucie Positives: Aviation

- Typically Recession Resistant
- Wealth Creating Industry
- ► More Training = Higher Wages
- Compliments other Industries
- Uncluttered Airspace
- Land for Expansion
- ► Two Fixed Based Operators...







# Economic Development Opportunities

- Aviation Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul
- Homeland Security and Defense
- Aviation Related Training
- Aviation Related Distribution
- Disaster Recovery....







# Committee Comments and Perceptions

- Airports currently use leaded fuel (100LL); but Jet A is Kerosene
- Airports should be located away from the Coast and Residents; Coastal Land considered high value.
- If close existing airport, County will need to deal with existing government grant assurances.
- Need for multi-modal transportation.
- Does lack of commercial service negatively impact economic development?
  - Yes St. Lucie recently lost Burnham Institute for Medical Research to Orlando Area (Major Int'l Airport, Schools & Thriving Arts Scene)
- What Factors Attract Businesses?
  - Commercial Airport
  - Schools and Infrastructure
  - Labor Base
  - Affordable Housing, etc







# Committee Comments and Perceptions (Con't)

- According to Mr. Chris Hambleton of Volo Aviation Inc., airport activity at FPR developed as follows:
  - ▶ 1980's
    - US Customs drove Growth
    - Increased flight training
  - ▶ 1990's
    - US Customs Demand Reduced
    - Airport tried to attract facilities and businesses
    - Cheaper to live in St. Lucie County compared to southern counties (i.e. Dade, Palm Beach, etc.)







# Committee Comments and Perceptions (Con't)

- **2000-2005** 
  - US Customs decreases hours of operations at FPR
  - Less Investment Interests
  - Banks not supporting development
  - People not going to the Bahamas
  - Local Resorts not Attracting People
- 2009 and Beyond
  - What's Next?
  - How Should Airport/County Reinvent Itself?
  - Neighboring Counties starting to Cooperate

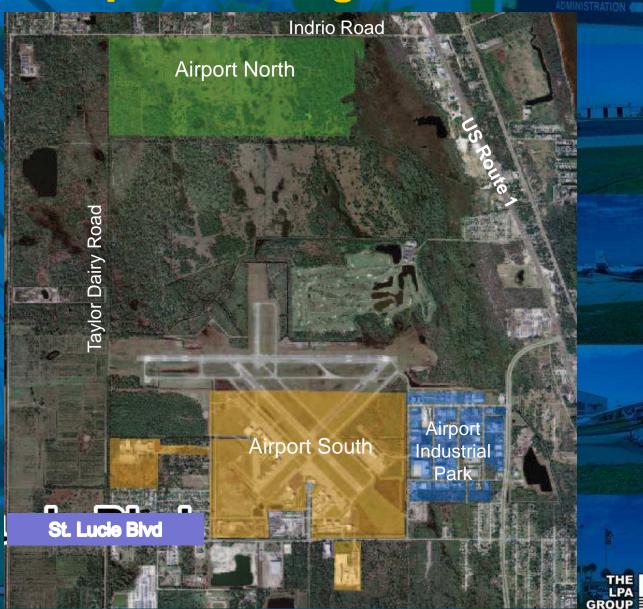






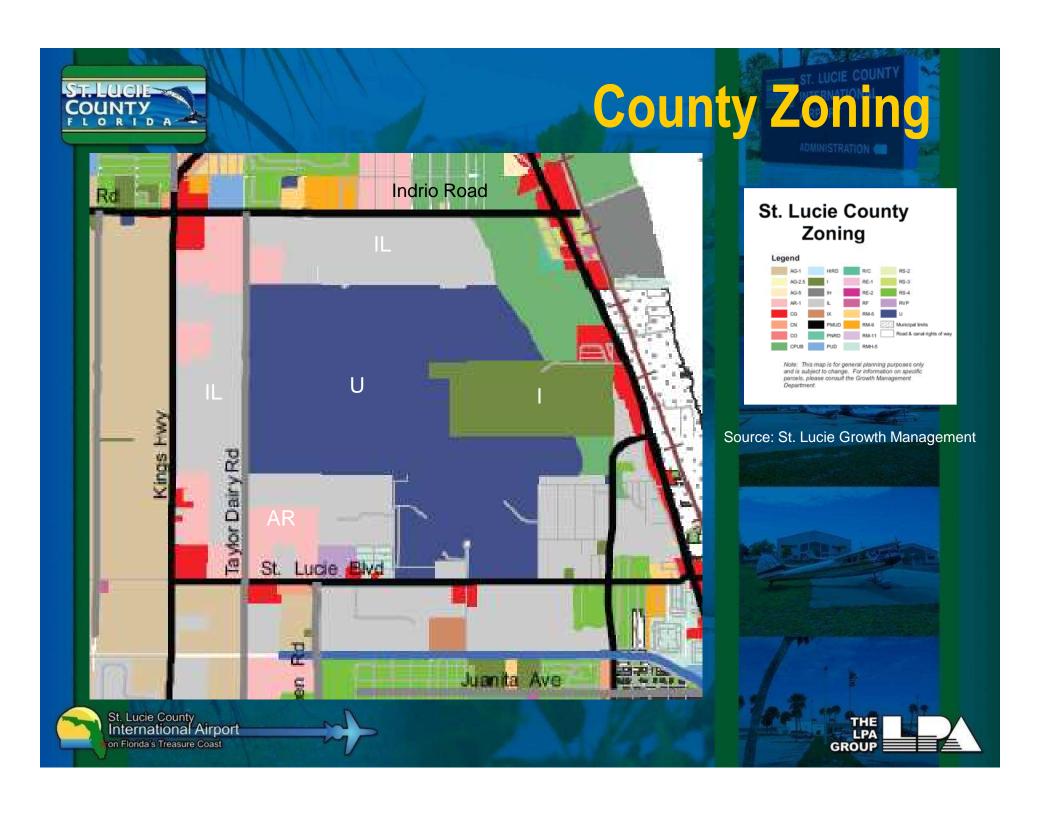


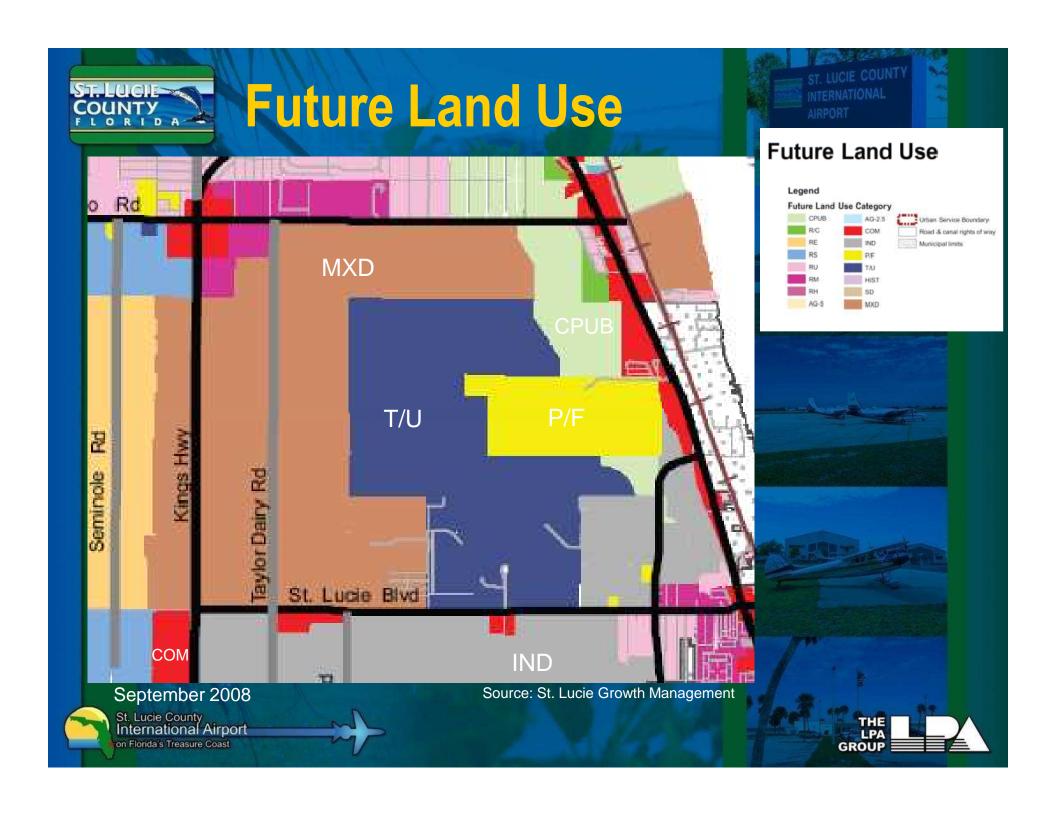
### Airport Foreign Trade Zones





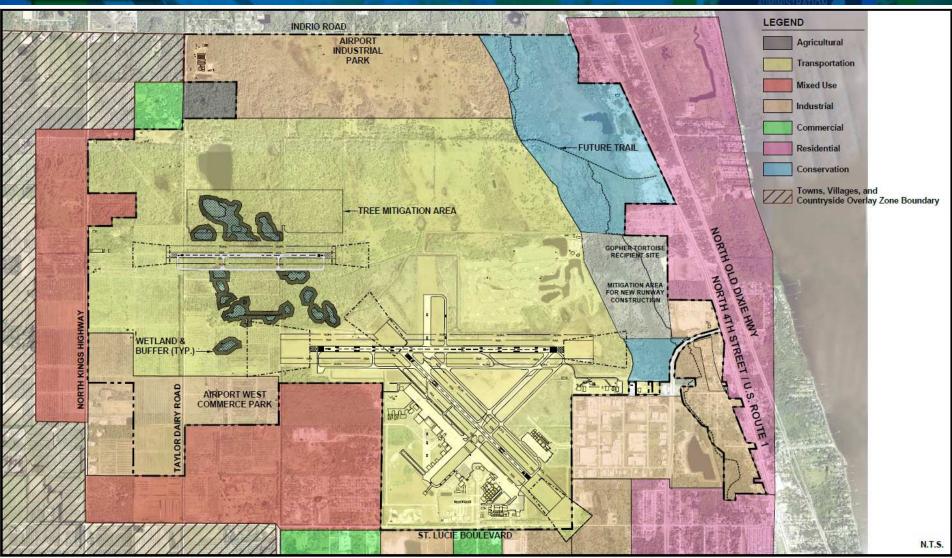








### Future Landar Use













#### Airfield Facility Requirements

#### Runway, Taxiway & Apron Needs

- Resolve Intersection Runway 14
- Extend Taxiway B
- Preserve land for extension of Runway 10R
- Preserve land for future airfield expansion and terminal development
- Rehabilitate pavement on Runway 10R-28L and Taxiways A, B, C and E
- Provide taxiway to Runway 10L-28R
- Widen and extend Taxiway A
- Widen Taxiways C, D1 and E to 50'
- Add holding pads

#### **Other Airfield Needs**

- Install Approach Lighting to Runway 10R
- Install REILs on Runways 28L, 14 and 32
- Upgrade Runway 10R-28L lighting to HIRL
- Upgrade Signage and NAVAIDs
- Upgrade Electrical Vault
- Relocate/Add Wind Cones and Segmented Circle

#### **Land Acquisition**

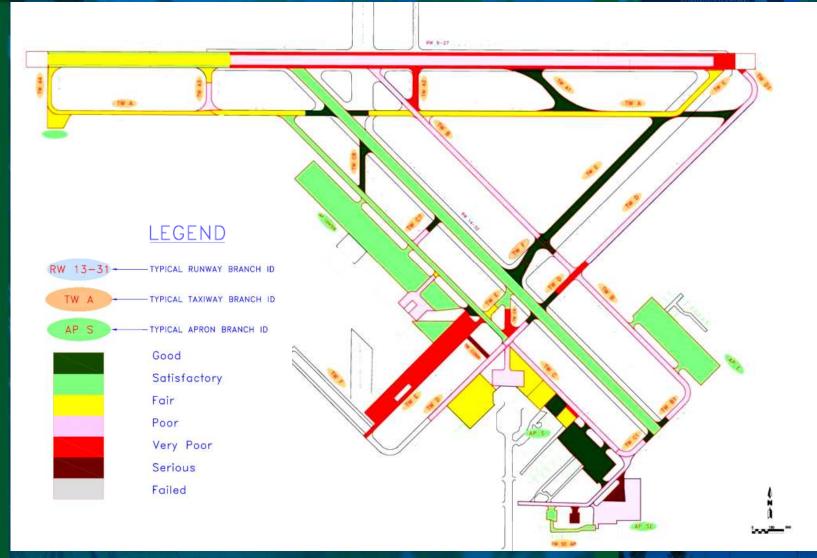
 Associated with Runways 32 RPZ







### Pavement Condition





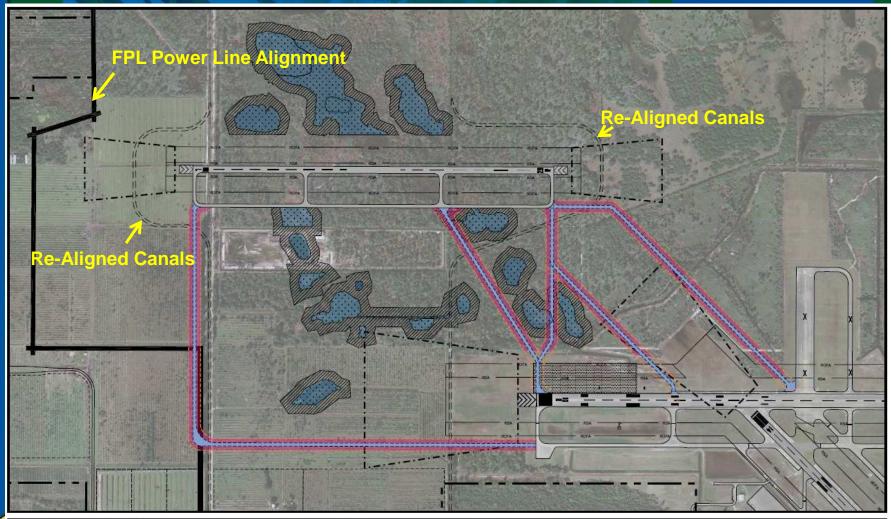


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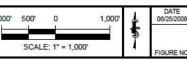


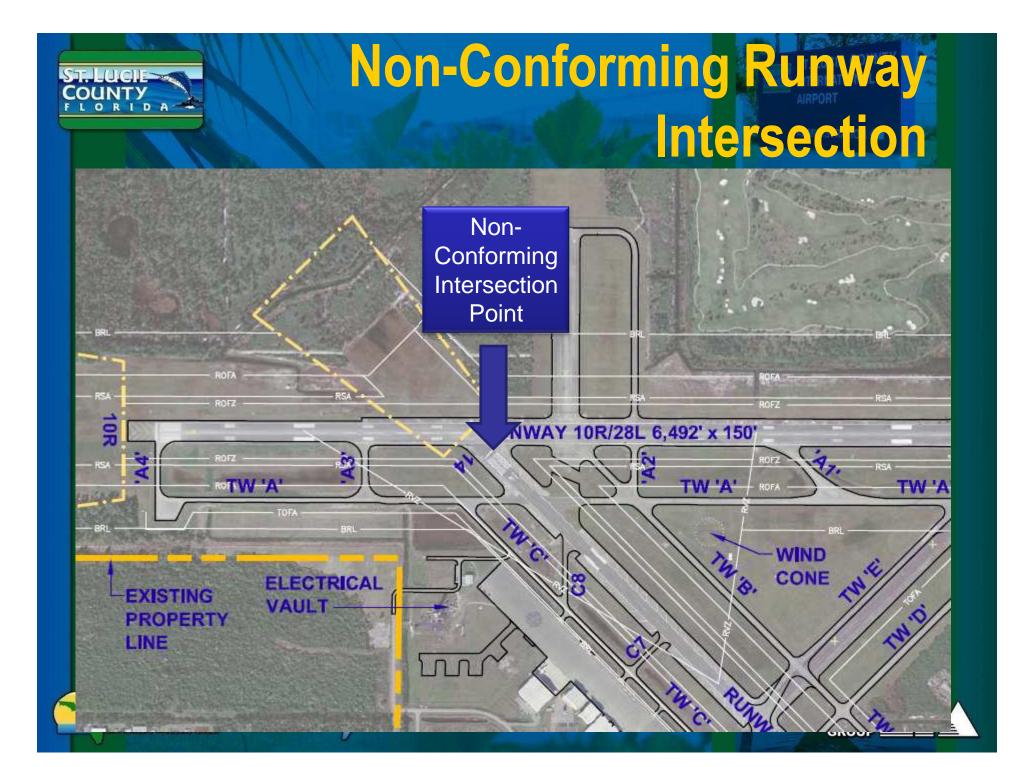
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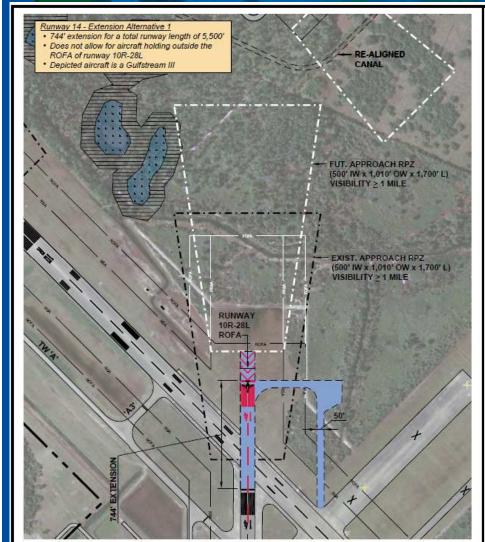


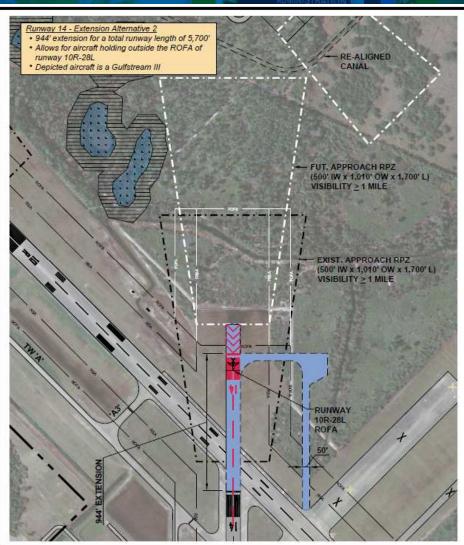






## Extension of Runway art 44-32



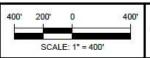






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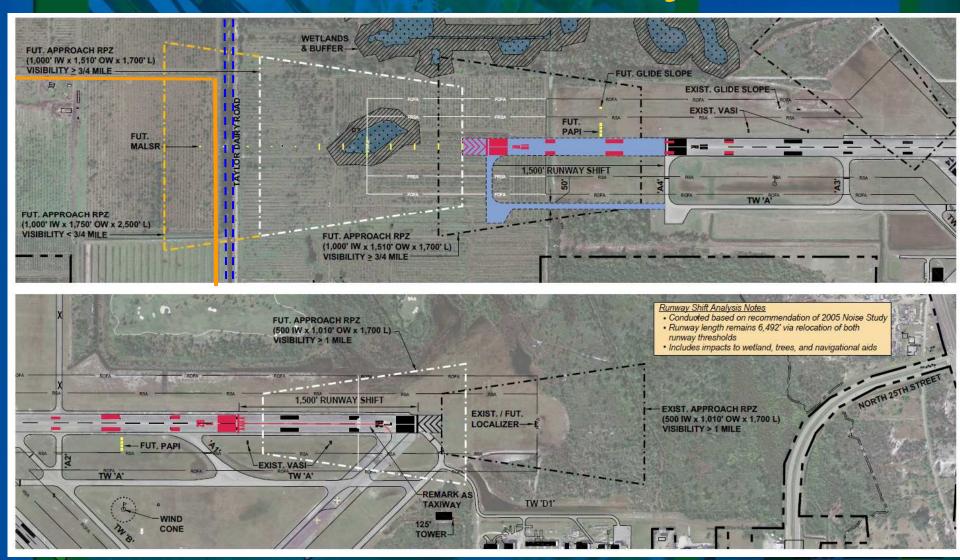
RUNWAY 14 EXTENSION
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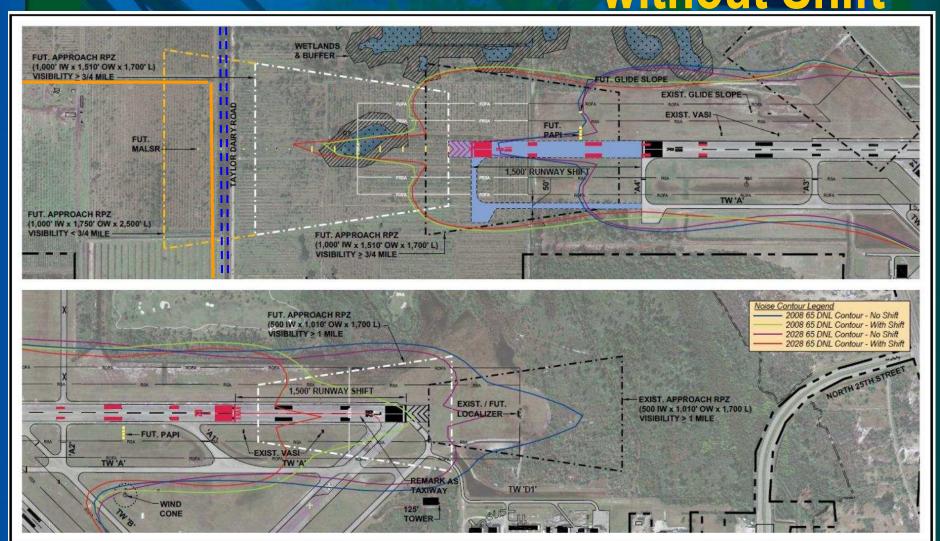


# Part 150 Recommendation Shift of Runway 10R-28L





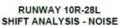
#### 2008 Noise Contours with and without Shift

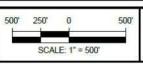






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## Runway 10R-28L Non-Standard Runway Safety Area





- Runway 10R Dirt Road within RSA
- Runway 28 L Retention Area within RSA

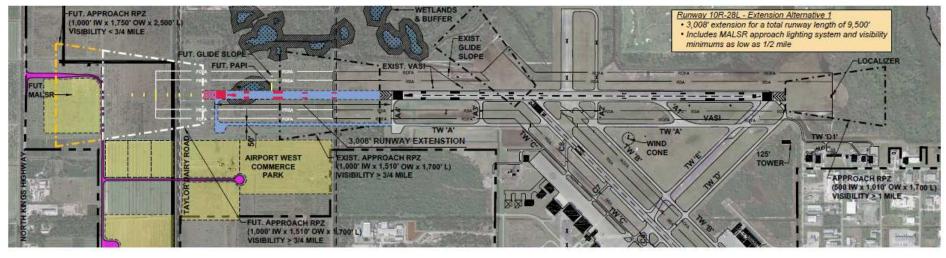






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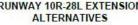


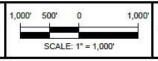






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## Commercial Terminal/Customs

### **Options**







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# Commercial Terminal/Customs Options









## Commercial Terminal/Customs **Options**







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**PASSENGER TERMINAL & CUSTOMS ALTERNATIVES -**ALTERNATIVE C



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# Commercial Terminal/Customs Options







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### **Airport Facility Requirements**

#### **Terminal Facilities**

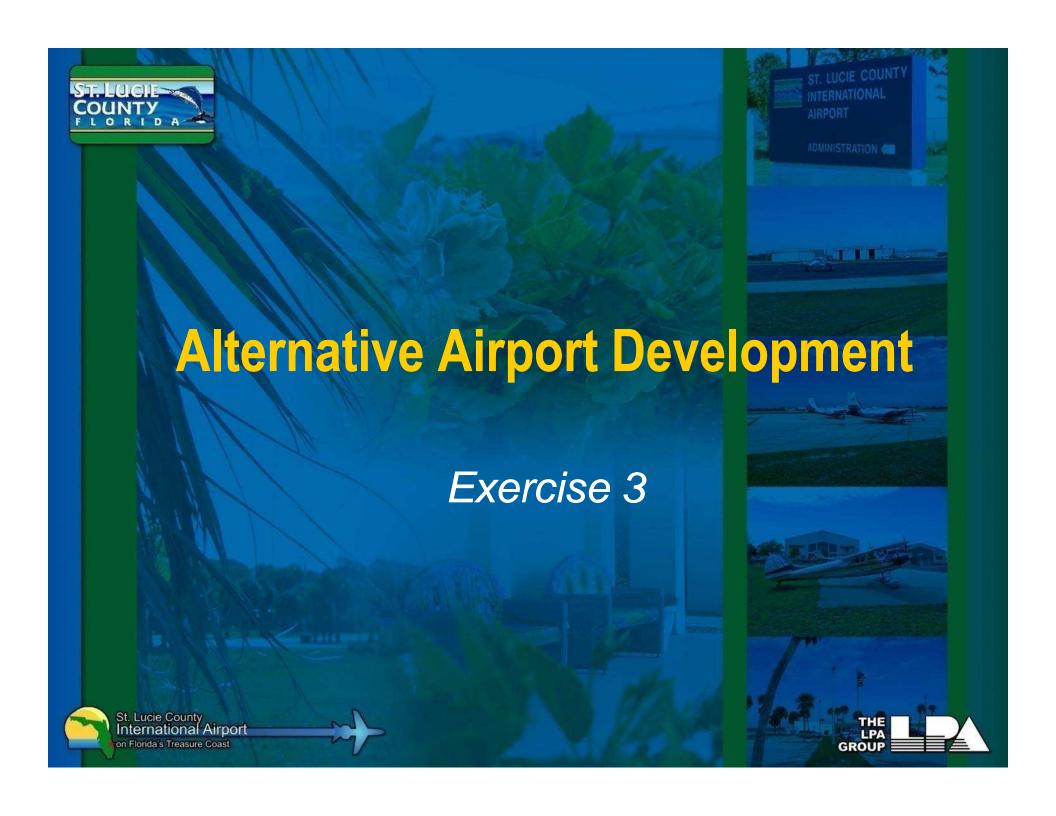
- Centralized Airfield Location for future terminal.
- Ease of Surface Access from Interstate

#### Support Facilities

- ATCT Clear Line of Sight
- Central location for Customs and Border Patrol
- Internal Airport Access Road
- Upgrade electrical vault









# Alternative Airport Development Options

- Airfield Development
- Terminal Development
- GA Development
- Aviation Support Facilities
- Non-Aviation Development
- Surface Access
- Sustainable "Green" Development
- Project Phasing and Timing









### **Red Group Recommendations**

- Move Power Lines to east side of Kings Highway
- Reserve Property for Runway 10R Extension
- Develop Short-Term Terminal Facility at current location of Airport Administration and Custom's facilities
- Construct Long-Term Terminal to be accessed from Indrio Road
- Keep GA leaseholds as they are
- Provide surface access to airport facilities via Indrio Road and expand Indrio Road
- Extend Runway 14 to the Northwest







### Blue Group Recommendations

- Extend Runway 10R to the West for total length of 9,500 feet. Do not extend to the east due to topographical issues.
- Relocate Power Lines
- Rebuild existing facilities reuse of Administration Building for Terminal and improve mixed use
- ► GA facilities and leaseholds are appropriate to meet long-term demand
- Non-Aviation
  - Eco-Friendly Resort Development
  - Improve Intermodal Access Add Train Stop at Airport Terminal
- Surface Access
  - North King's Highway
  - Expand St. Lucie Blvd to four lanes
  - Improve access to I-95 and King's Highway
- Seven (7) DRIs Approved
- Industrial Development on the north side of the Airfield





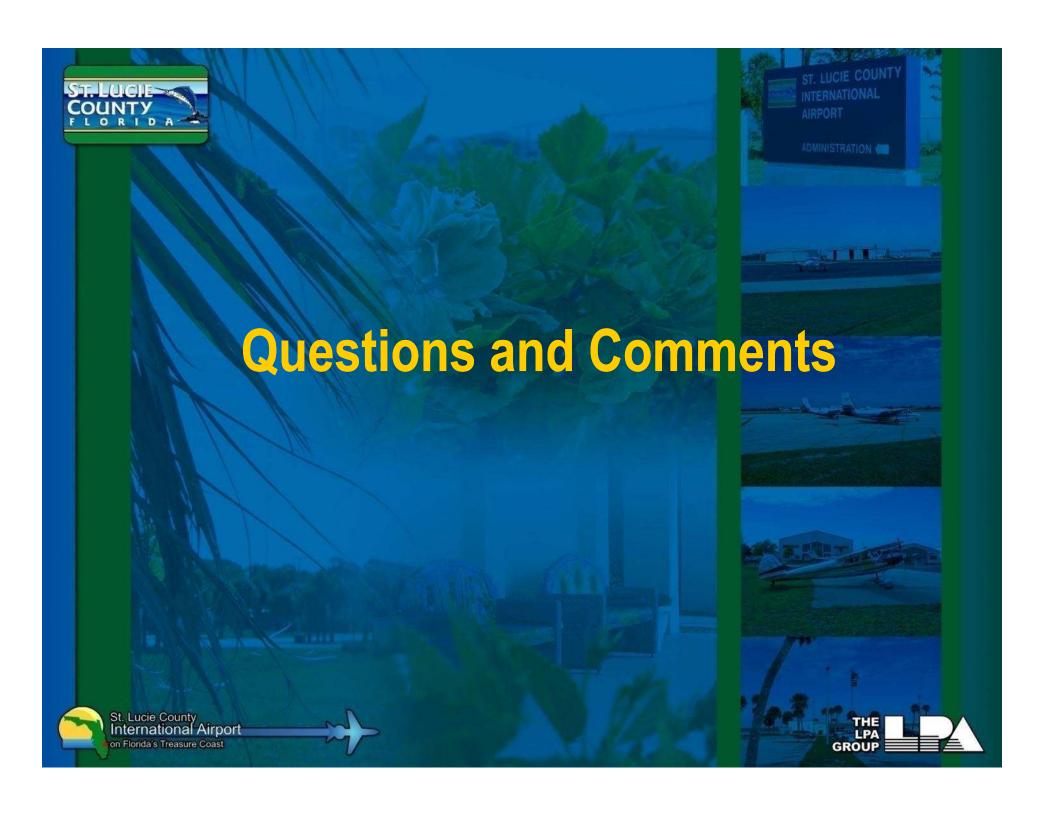


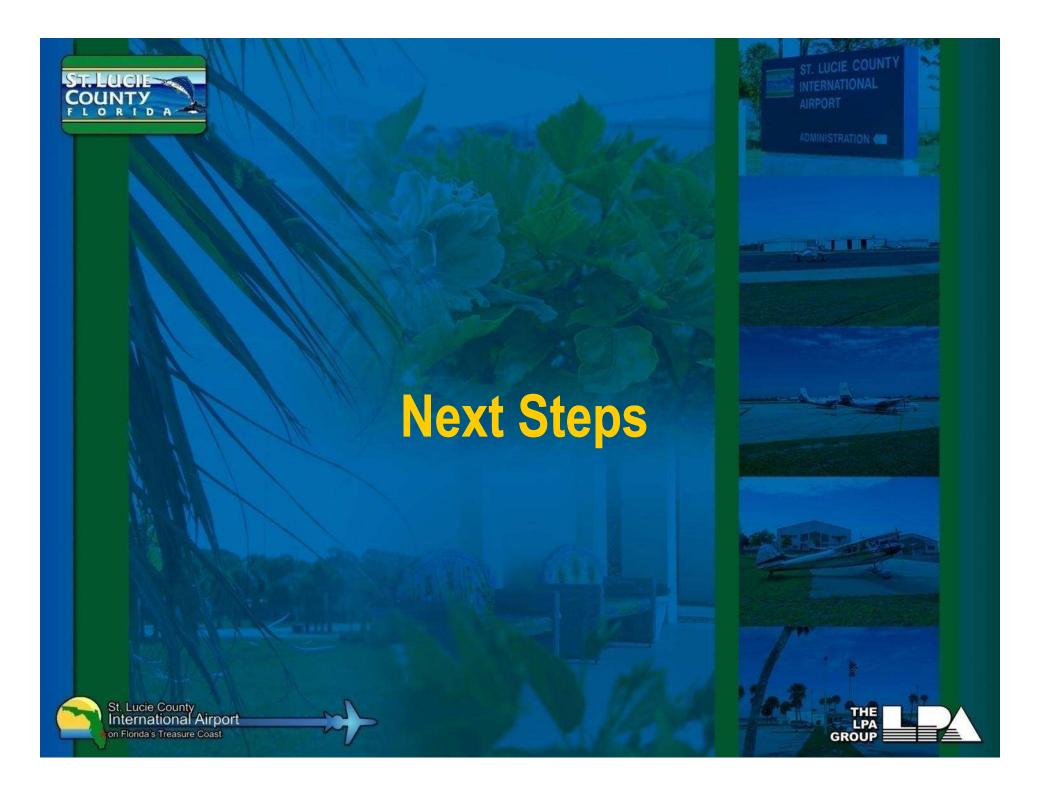
## Yellow Group Recommendations

- ▶ Place Future Terminal (Long-Term) in between parallel runways (red option)
- However, make use of what facilities the airport already has in the shortterm.
- Need to construct a Beach Resort to attract passengers
- Develop north portion of airport property as industrial
- ▶ Improve access to I-95, and expand St. Lucie Blvd.
- Develop Amtrak station near St. Lucie Blvd to provide multi-modal access to Airport.
- Short-Term Extend Runway 10R to 8,000 feet, and reserve property for potential expansion.
- Demand for 100LL decreasing; while demand for Jet A (Kerosene) is increasing.
- Further, GA fleet mix is changing from piston to turboprop and jet engine aircraft fueling an increased demand in Jet A which is cleaner.











## Alternative Evaluation Criteria

- Optimize operational efficiency, effectiveness, capability and safety of the airport.
- Enhance the economic and social value of the airport.
- Meet long-range aviation needs of the community.
- Ensure that current and future airport plans are environmentally compatible and in harmony with local and regional plans and objectives.
- Consider recommendations of the focus groups, user groups, and general public.







## Next Steps

- Collect comments on Working Paper 2
- Develop Three Alternative Development Options based upon Tenant, TAC and Public Input
- Develop Draft Alternative Analysis Chapter
- ► Next Meeting Tentative September 2009:
  - Present Pros and Cons of Each Alternative
  - Determination of Final Long-term Design Development
- Board of County Commissioners Workshop Tentative October/November 2009



